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LB 67, 185, 226A, 376, 376A, 393, 397  
603, 661, 661A, 753

favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. Another amendment on the desk. Yes, something for the record first.

CLERK: If I might very quickly, Senator Chizek has amendments to 603, Senator Rogers to 393 to be printed. New A bill, 226A by Senator Wesely appropriates funds for 226.

Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 67, 397, 376, 376A, 661, 661A, 753 all correctly engrossed. (See pages 1407-08 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to bracket LB 185 until May 1, 1987.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, and I assure you, colleagues, I'm not doing this just to delay the bill. I think the vote shows how the vote will probably go on the advancement and I don't think I've ever before offered a motion like this on a bill concerning Senator Haberman. All through the districts we keep hearing, we want you to cut our taxes. It reminds me of a story a minister told one time when he asked the congregation, raise your hands, all of you who want to go to heaven. And everybody in the congregation raised their hand. And then he said, all you that want to die, raise your hand, and nobody raised their hands. And the minister said, see, everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die. Everybody wants to cut taxes but nobody really wants to vote against an exemption. Everybody wants to raise revenue but nobody wants to do it to an industry that has approached them or that it will affect their own district. As I listened to the debate on this bill and other bills, as I read the stories repeatedly in the World-Herald from day after day after day about Enron threatening to leave Omaha, the railroads insinuating if we take away their exemption, they will have to move their corporate headquarters. I listened to senators talk about people going to other states to buy. How many of us have stopped to consider the economic blackmail we in this Legislature have been put through, senators in other legislatures have been put through? It is almost economic terrorism. We are being whiplashed, we